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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the July 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director

Idaho Surpasses New York in July Milk Production

Idaho's July milk production surpassed New York for the first time. Idaho milk production during July 2008 totaled 1.10 billion pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year. Idaho's July production ranked third in the nation, following California and Wisconsin. Idaho's July milk production was up 48 million pounds from revised June 2008. The June revision represented a decrease of 4 millions pounds or -0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Average milk production per cow in July 2008 was 1,970 pounds, up 70 pounds from revised June 2008, and unchanged from July 2007. The average number of milk cows during July was 556,000 head, up 5,000 head from revised June 2008 and up 40,000 head from July 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from July 2007. June revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 3.2 percent from June 2007. The June revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or -0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,742 pounds for July, unchanged from July 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 143,000 head more than July 2007, and 5,000 head more than June 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2007-2008

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	502	534	1,850	1,870	929	999	7.5
February ^{3/}	504	537	1,680	1,750	847	940	11.0
March	504	540	1,880	1,885	948	1,018	7.4
April	503	543	1,860	1,850	936	1,005	7.4
May	506	550	1,930	1,930	977	1,062	8.7
June*	508	551	1,910	1,900	970	1,047	7.9
July	516	556	1,970	1,970	1,017	1,095	7.7
August	520		1,970		1,024		
September	521		1,880		979		
October	522		1,880		981		
November	525		1,810		950		
December	530		1,870		991		
Annual	513		22,513		11,549		

*Revised 1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

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Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	181	185	1,875	1,815	339	336	-0.9
California	1,816	1,846	1,900	1,850	3,450	3,415	-1.0
Colorado	119	129	2,005	1,950	239	252	5.4
Florida	127	122	1,380	1,370	175	167	-4.6
Idaho	516	556	1,970	1,970	1,017	1,095	7.7
Illinois	103	102	1,550	1,520	160	155	-3.1
Indiana	167	166	1,700	1,650	284	274	-3.5
Iowa	215	215	1,700	1,670	366	359	-1.9
Kansas	108	111	1,660	1,730	179	192	7.3
Kentucky	89	90	1,150	1,060	102	95	-6.9
Michigan	336	348	1,940	1,870	652	651	-0.2
Minnesota	463	463	1,575	1,590	729	736	1.0
Missouri	110	111	1,220	1,170	134	130	-3.0
New Mexico	335	338	1,850	2,000	620	676	9.0
New York	626	626	1,650	1,690	1,033	1,058	2.4
Ohio	276	282	1,530	1,540	422	434	2.8
Oregon	114	113	1,675	1,595	191	180	-5.8
Pennsylvania	550	546	1,610	1,630	886	890	0.5
Texas	348	383	1,720	1,850	599	709	18.4
Vermont	139	140	1,555	1,585	216	222	2.8
Virginia	100	97	1,450	1,425	145	138	-4.8
Washington	236	244	2,000	2,005	472	489	3.6
Wisconsin	1,248	1,252	1,675	1,675	2,090	2,097	0.3
23 State Total	8,322	8,465	1,742	1,742	14,500	14,750	1.7

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